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Abstract

A process for the preparation in pure form of the protease activating blood clotting factor VII and/or its proenzyme by the use of one or more chromatography separation processes and/or fractional precipitation is described. The process used may include adsorption on calcium phosphate/hydroxyapatite, a hydrophobic matrix, a chelate matrix, a matrix on which heparin or a substance related to heparin, such as heparin sulfate or dextran sulfate, is immobilized, or a matrix that is coated with an immobilized monoclonal or polyclonal antibody directed against the protein to be isolated, or F(ab) or F(ab)₂ fragments of antibodies directed against the protein to be isolated. A pharmaceutical preparation and a reagent are also described which contain the said protease and/or its proenzyme.

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